

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3–8, 10–12, 15–17, 21, 24, 25, 36, and 37 are pending in the current application. Applicant acknowledges that the Office has allowed Claims 1, 3–8, 10–12, 15–17, 21, 24, 25, 36, and 37. By this Response, Claims 38–41 are canceled. Accordingly, Applicant believes the application to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. It is respectfully submitted that all grounds for rejection have been addressed and Applicant's claims should be passed to allowance. Further, the dependent claims should also be allowable for the same reasons as their respective base claims and further due to the additional features that they recite. Separate and individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 662-1277.

Respectfully submitted,

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